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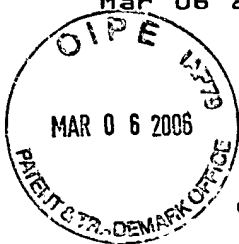
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-3, 9-12, and 22 in the subject application by the Examiner. The Applicant agrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that claims 1-3, 9-12, and 22 are patentable over the references in the record.

However, the Applicant expressly traverses the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any statement is intended to or has the intended effect of limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended to or has the effect of limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons for patentability are in any way fully enumerated. The Applicant specifically does not acquiesce or agree in any manner as to any assertion in Examiner's statements that may be interpreted to narrow the claims to less than their recited scope.

In particular the examiner paraphrases language from independent claim 1 in his reasons for allowance and further suggests that the limitations of claim 1 are applicable to independent claim 22. In fact there are differences in the language between claim 1 and claim 22. Applicant asserts that claims 1-3, 9-12, and 22 are patentable in view of the

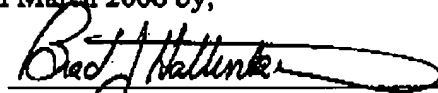


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cited prior art and the scope of the allowed claims should in no way be limited to the rationale cited by the examiner.

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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